

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Seed Advisory Board as authorized under section 22-435 does not have a representative for native plant seeds and that industry has requested a seat on the board. The statute would be revised to add a seat for representative of the native seed industry and the terms of appointment section revised to reflect the additional member. The Seed Advisory Board meets in June of each year creating an eleven month delay in the Board selecting a chairman. The statute would be revised providing for the selection of a chairman at the first meeting after June 1 in each year. The Seed Advisory Board has adjusted their length of terms so that all members serve three (3) year terms. The statute would be revised to modify the length of terms for board members to three (3) years. The seed arbitration committee as currently structured is a standing committee with some members being appointed or reappointed annually. This committee has not had a need to meet in over ten years. The Department proposes to establish a process whereby an arbitration committee is called only when needed. The process would be similar to that in section 22-510, Idaho Code regarding seed potato arbitration.

FISCAL NOTE

None

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